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## Infrastructure Information Sheet



# STREET TREES

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## INTRODUCTION

Street Trees are an important element in the enhancement of Broome's Streetscape and the visual appeal of your street and property. Street trees provide shade, enhance the environment and create a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Landscaping of verges can be broken up into 2 categories, Verge Treatments and Street Trees. This information sheet explains the services provided by the Shire and the responsibility of the Landowner in relation to the supply and maintenance of Street Trees.

For further information on installing and maintaining gardens, irrigation, turfing and surface treatments within the verge please refer to the Verge Treatment Information Sheet and the Coastal Gardens Planting Guide.

## INFORMATION AND ADVICE

The Shire of Broome encourages the installation of Street Trees and will supply a Street Tree to the Landowner at the rate of 1 Street Tree per 20m of verge length parallel to the road, adjacent to their property. The supply of Street Trees will be free of charge under the understanding that the landowner will maintain the trees in accordance with this information sheet and will water the tree regularly.

## DEFINITIONS

Verge: The area between the back of the kerb (or edge of the road if no kerb exists) and the property boundary.

Approved Street Tree: A native, endemic tree or a street tree of the approved species in the verge in accordance with the street tree installation requirements.

## WHO IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN STREET TREES?

The Shire of Broome will maintain all approved street trees and naturally occurring endemic tree species within the verge for sight and safety issues only. All other vegetation and verge treatments in the verge or on the adjacent property that extends out over the verge, are the responsibility of the Landowner whether installed by that Landowner, previous Landowners or Occupiers.

## WHAT SPECIES OF TREE WILL BE SUPPLIED?

To ensure the species of Street Tree is suitable to your verge area and street, the Shire has an approved variety of native tree species that can be selected. Species selection will be based on availability, suitability and habitat that suits the proposed location at the time of application.

### **CAN I PLANT TREES AND VEGETATION OTHER THAN APPROVED STREET TREES IN THE VERGE?**

You can plant trees and vegetation other than approved street trees in the verge, where it is installed in accordance with the Verge Treatment Information Sheet. Planting of this nature remains the responsibility of the Landowner and will not be supplied, maintained, trimmed or removed by the Shire.

### **CAN I REMOVE OR TRIM TREES WITHIN THE VERGE?**

All approved Street Trees and naturally occurring endemic tree species within the verge are the property of the Shire and it is an offence to trim or remove Street Trees without prior approval. If you are wishing to remove trees from your verge please contact the Shires Parks and Gardens Department on 9191 3456 to have protected trees identified and to get approval for removal of these trees where necessary.

### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE SUPPLY OF A STREET TREE?**

Complete the Street Tree Supply Order Form attached to this information sheet and submit. as per the directions on the order form.

### **STREET TREE INSTALLATION**

Before any installation the installer is required to contact Before You Dig [www.byda.com.au](http://www.byda.com.au) (previously dial before you dig) online and other service and utility providers to ensure underground services and infrastructure are not damaged and correct clearances maintained.

To minimise the cost of future maintenance, facilitate future footpath installations and to prevent damage to overhead and underground services, street trees must be installed in accordance with the following minimum clearances to the centre of the Tree and are recommended to be planted using a root barrier product around the base:

- 3.2m from back of kerb
- 1.2m from the edge of existing footpath
- Not within 20m of an intersection (See Figure 1 Below)
- 1.2m from the property boundary
- 4m from a driveway or street signage
- 5m from a light pole
- 3m from a fire hydrant
- Minimum distance as specified by any underground service providers and may vary on each verge.

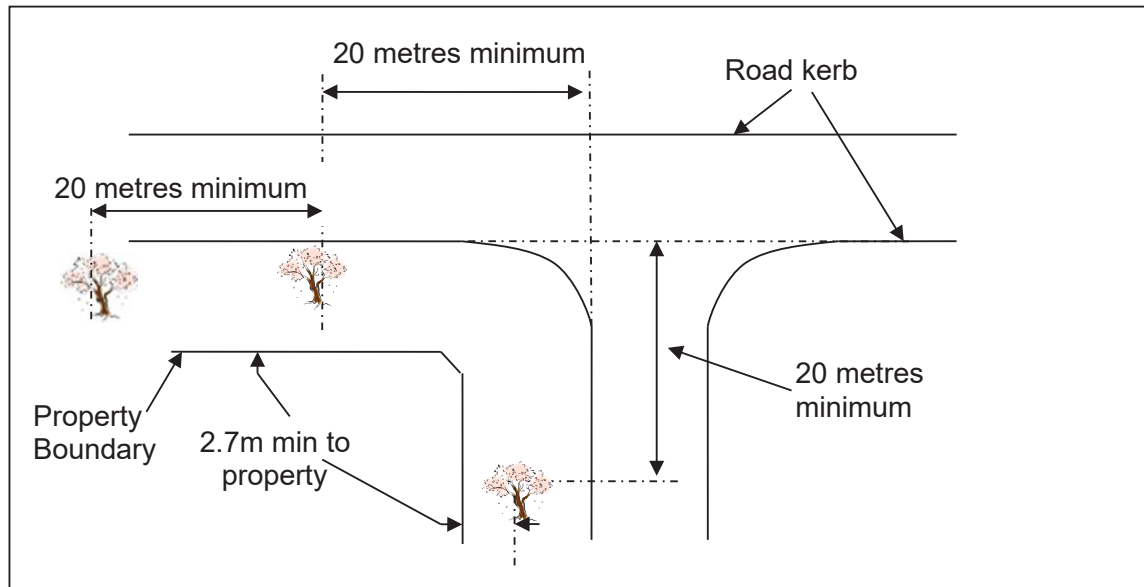


Figure 1 – Intersection Planting Clearances

Where the above minimum clearances cannot be achieved, please contact the Shire for specific advice on your situation.

### **STREET TREE MAINTENANCE ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD**

Street trees once planted need ongoing maintenance and care. It is recommended that you;

- Water your tree every second day for the first 2 years (less during heavy rains),
- Fertilise your tree with a multi purpose native tree fertiliser every six (6) months,
- Prune low hanging branches prevent sight issues
- Remove branches that are growing on the truck, from ground level up to 1.5m, to form a tall healthy canopy as the tree establishes,



# STREET TREE ORDER FORM

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email. \_\_\_\_\_

Length of verge adjoining your property boundary measured at the back of kerb (m)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Corner Block (Yes / No)

Urban Landowners, who currently do not have Street Trees in their verge, are entitled to (1) tree per 20 metres of verge. Trees will be selected from native species available at the time of application.

Completed order forms can be returned via:

- Email to [shire@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@broome.wa.gov.au)
- Deliver or post to Shire of Broome Administration Centre, Cnr Weld and Haas Street, PO Box 44, Broome 6725

## **Declaration**

I / We the Property Owner would like to apply for the supply of a Street Tree(s) and undertake to maintain the approved street tree in accordance with the Street Tree Information Sheet provided upon planting.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_